GOSSIP FROM LITCHFIELD

NO RADICAL CHANGE EXPERY ENCED IN HER ORGANIC SPIRIT.

The Social Atmosphere is so Mild and Pleasant That the Good Outsider May Bask in It as in a Pleasant Dream.

Litchfield, Sept. 18, 1895. To the Editor of the JOURNAL AND COURTER This is the rime when the world at targe, before turning in its summer ac counts, would hear from Litchfield. Apart from its interests in the material prosperity of the sovereign village, it would know what new social problems have been propounded, what later and better solutions have been applied to old ones and what advances have been made in those economies of social life of which Litchfield is the leader and the authoritative expounder.

Litchfield is happy to meet the desires of the world at large. But the world at large must not therefore claim any special place in Litchfield's affections, nor imagine that it enjoys any than its share of the large, cosmic sympathy with which

Litchfield floods all created entities. Litchfield is the one place on the earth's surface of which the best thing to be said is that she has experienced no change. That is no radical change no change in her organic spirit, or it the manifestations of her organic spir Outward changes are inevitable and often beget radical modifications In Litchfield so far, all changes have been strictly in accordance with he essential essence and under control of that central power and unity which constitute her potential character. Other places must run riot with mod ern improvements to keep themselves before the eyes of the community Other places must expand in conspicu ous and questionable architectures no to be overlooked and forgotten. Othe places must indulge in still less desira conspicuosities in order to attrac attention. Litchfield has only to re main Litchfield and to restrain growth within the reach of the effusion of her dominating spirit. Litchfield's origina determination was to allow no outsider to settle within her borders and to lim-It growth to the requirements of the natural, legitimate and properly regu lated increase of the indigenous popu ation. But the demand for Litchfield ers the world over as centers and sources of refined emanations increased so rapidly that choice and plastic out siders have, from time to time, bee admitted to Litchfield contact and Litchfield regeneration, Most of these have been cast out as unprofitable sub jects. A few remain. Of the selected, not one has as yet been allowed, or has presumed, to say "we" in speaking of Litchfield, During the social season which is about closing the Litchfield spirit has remained as clear as crystal, as inflexible as adamant, as true as

steel. Yet the social atmosphere of Litchfield is so mild, so pleasant, that the good outsider may repose and bask In it as in a pleasant dream. But should be oppose himself to it, no matter how minutely, or how deftly, then will be quickly feel its force and power, will turn upon him and fling him away as uscless rubbish. There have been notable examples. Not a word has been spoken; but parties have disappeared, and no one dares to ask where they are, or what has become of them. But if the outsider remain docile and deferential; if he offer no erratic opinions of his own; submit with- to the eye of fashion; but to the moral out question to the ordinances of the eye, the philanthropical eye, the eye of for the Litchfield character by public admissions of its superiority, and be continually imbibling as much of the

best of his apparent ability; then all will go well with him; and, within limits, he will be allowed to do about as he and acknowledges her gracious soverpleases. For instance, an utter out- eignty. sider has been allowed to build himself a sumptuous house on North street and is living therein with his family in peace and quiat and with every expec tation of an uninterrupted continuance of his felicity. That this thing is going with the sanction and approval of the house of burgesses, shows progress, and proves beyond cavil that within

spring. Heretofore pure outsiders have been relegated to the extremities of East and West streets. Some of the most conservative Litchfielders are still North street was always disposed to be street. That South street should be a bit envious of the fine addition to the architecture of North street is not for

a moment to be entertained. South street soars, and will continue to soar, far above the reach of any ignoble sen-Another new object which cannot fall to attract attention is a large addition

to the jail, which is so far along in construction as to loom up conspleu ously between the old building and the palace of the fire laddles. The passing stranger is astonished, and naturally concludes that the Litchfield criminal class is so increasing that the town no longer deserves its reputation for purity of morals and immaculateness of virtue. If the passing stranger be an ordinary stranger he may go his way with any opinion with which he choose to burden his imbecile brain. If he be searcher for truth, let him pause,

meekly ask, and be informed. As every New Englander knows, who has properly studied the history of his vines displayed, glaringly and continuthe discomforts of the abode aforesaid, deeming that such display was the best means of keeping sinners them into a condition of early, happy try's spirituality is directly due to the discontinuance of this salutary and re-

said, and his ability to make up for this inferiority by his infernal activity. As an assistant to this theology the all was always made a strong feature the village landscape. The church

the jall, the court-house and the school went hand in hand in the procession o noral progress and always occupied the four chief corners of every well planned village. The church was backed, o by the cemetery. strengthen the impress of its teachings. In the school the rod was displayed inspleuously and used vigorously; no to much to punish youthful foibles as Impress upon the youthful mind the dea of punishment, and to prepare it or an early reception of the comforting loctrine of eternal damnation. The udge, at first, did not amount to much He was a sort of go-between, uniting church and jail. The church did the udging. The judge was used to give egal sanction to the verdict of the church and to start the secular arm of punishment. The jall and the church emained the two great powers for good; the fall with its free hangings being a little ahead and rather the more attractive institution of the two Great the pity that these supremacles were ever invaded! As everybody knows, New England theology is not what it used to be; and the sad confession must be made that Litchfield theology has not escaped the contagion Litchfield theology is not what it used o be. There is not a church in Litchfield to-day in which one may feel sure of a Sunday, in having presented to him with proper detail those realistic pictures of the infernal regions and of the torments and tortures of the damned in which our ancestors delighted; in which they found such strength comfort and joy; and in the continued presentation of which their children grew up to be a light to all nations still sitting in darkness. This is the reason why the burgesses in their wisdom, seeing, realizing and deploring the weakening of the church, or spiritual arm, have determined to strengther and exalt the secular arm of fustic and punishment by an enlarged and expanded display of jail. Could any act be more commendable, more beauti ful, more inspiring, in this age of callous indifference and of agnostic inqui ry! If all New England would do like wise there might still be hope for a reof the unspeakable benefits

There is another and subordinate oint which must also be considered. The superlative qualities of Litchfield air are too well known to need further in these papers. People may continue to wonder why the air of ne particular locality should be moral ly as well as physically strengthening, while the airs of adjoining localities possess these qualities in a less degreor in no degree at all; but the fact is ncontrovertable. Even Norfolk, Thomaston, Washington and Watertown no onger dispute, but acknowledge and ask permission to send their moral and physical weaklings to Litchfield to be healed and purified. It has been impossible to keep these facts from the criminal classes of these and other subordinate places. Very few criminals are so very criminal as to desire to remain riminal. The consequence has that from one end of New England to the other there has been pouring fort! from between prison bars plaintive howls for Litchfield! How could burgesses resist the appeal? Would they be worthy of their position and of their reputation did they not respond? How peautiful now, from both points of view, appears the growth of the fail It may not be beautiful to the physical eye, to the eye of passing curiosity, or the colonial dame, the eye of the colo nial warrior, and to the eye of the fu ture, no object of contemplation can be more entrancing. Litchfield once more Litchfield idea as his coarser nature shows herself a leader and a teacher in can absorb-if he will do all this to the things which lie nearest and closest to the heart and mind of humanity.

wrapped up in one small unspeakable

Important as all these matters are in their bearing on the world at large, there is another matter of a more personal nature in which Litchfield is just now deeply interested. When a man becomes engaged to be married his relatives must fling themselves madly at him and enfold him with rapturous embrace. These must be followed by his friends who, in the order of their the core of the Litchfield idea there is a progressive coll of well tempered intimacy, either embrace, shake hands formally in ceremonious measure, or do something-or-other in between, All must look at the engagement from the man's point of view. Tell him that shaking their heads, saying that there was never anything like it before and that he is the luckiest as he should a giddy street and that no such experi-ment shall ever be made on South will say: "I am." Then, if not sooner the prospective bride must be sought out by the lady part of the community and-But what takes place is no known to man, nor ever should be. It seems to be an occasion for tears. But whether tears of joy, or tears of wee, man may never know. There are probably both joy tears and, if not exactly woe tears, plaintive tears, apprehensive tears, fearful tears, don't-know ears. Joy and woe are so close together that perhaps the same tear will do

Once more humanity bows down to her

for both All this congratulation business, including the tear, Litchfield has done, and done most properly and becomingly. But now there arises a question of more general nature. Can a man's relations to the community where he lives, and to the people in it, be such that he should not marry?

If a Litchfielder, for Instance, have made himself and his surroundings, his habits, his manners, his horses, his carriages, his garments even, so prominent for a long number of years that his satanic majesty and his they have become as much a part of place of abode were strong features in the landscape as Mt. Tom, or as Chest-New England theology; that is, nut Hill; as much a part of the life of the theology of the founders of the the town as Sunday or the "Enquirer, country's greatness; the theology in has he a right to marry? If Mt. Tom fact which constituted the foundation were to move down to Watertown of the country's greatness. Early di- Litchfield would go after it and bring it back. But dear old Mt. Tom has not the slightest idea of moving away from the neighborhood of Litchfield. So Litchfield is asking why should the infrom said abode and of frightening dividual in question get married. Has he not always been regarded with an and fruitful plety. How far the pres- affection which at least equals the afent deplorable condition of the coun- fection held for Mt. Tom? If parties from everywhere have been coming to years to make the acquaintance assuring theology cannot be discussed Litchfield, and especially of the individin this letter. Nor can the further ual in question, what right has he to question, broached by an irreverent assume obligations which may result in Yale professor, as to the relative inferiority of his satanic majesty afore- satisfied? This is the serious topo-

graphical view of the case; the ethical and social aspects are no less serious. Suppose a man has so conducted him-

elf towards everybody in a village tha each villager regards him with a pecu liar regard and a special affection; sup ose he has so graciously and kindly ecognized the dignity and authority of the burgesses that they have com feel that their dignity rested in neasure on his recognition and was safe in his keeping; suppose every elder has come to regard him as a son; ever oungster as a brother; has he, has he right to Jeopardize these generic ties can be withdraw himself from a town ship to limit himself to an individua be the individual never so worthy?

Suppose he has been so exquisitel to every matron within the rang of Mt. Tom's eye that each one has longed for him as a son-in-law; or ha to stake her own chances; sup pose that every lassie of ry Litchfield hill-top and of ever Litchfield valley has been so irresist ably fascinated by killing, yet mos

skillfully distributed, attentions each one has been waiting, and longing and hoping that when the time cam she might be the one to blush wit down cast eyes; has he, has he, a righ to discriminate and to prefer one many?

How many ruby lips may be tren ling with emotion, or being bitten into pitiable pieces not to betray the emoion! How many dear little hearts nay be fluttering as if their sweet bird life were escaping. Yet how heroic the Litchfield courage which enables the stricken ones to stand bravely up and keep on talking about the weather! In riew of the terrible desolation which prevailing would it not have been better and pobler for him to have emained a universal Romeo than to have offered himself a willing victim to he unity of matrimony?

The theme is too painful for further detail. Observed generically, it erve other communities by leading hem to prepare for similar possibili ties. Could Litchfield have taken time by the fore-lock she might have delayed, or even stopped, the consummation; but preliminaries were matters of he past before Litchfield caught on. hearted cannot enjoin. Mt. Tom it is eared is on the side of the culprit. hat remains for Litchfield to do is to ion her best for the wedding and to resume that expression of benign unco ern and impenetrable wisdom which has saved her reputation in many a worse plight and which will convinthe most skeptical that from the outset she knew all about it and that no step was taken until her advice had been asked and her approval secured.

PERIANDER.

OF LOCAL INTEREST. The Acorn Social club will give their second annual trolley ride over the Winchester and Fair Haven raileads' lines October 15. The club made the first troley ride a success and now are trying to make this an equally pleasant affair. Dancing and supper it Woodmont. The club will give a minstrel entertainment the latter part

In the report of the annual roll call is reported to be ashore outside the of the Howard avenue Baptist church harbor. esterday morning a typographical eror was made in the notice of the death which occurred during the year. It was that of Mr. J. H. Miner of Spring

THE RESOLUTES READY.

The Resolutes would like to play any botball team in town or out of town. The Resolutes are made up as follows: Left end, Clark; left tackle, Chapman; right guard, Shiller; right tackle, Brenner; right end, Lee; quarter back, Simon; left half back, Smith, right half back, Edwards; full back, Beecher

FINED \$25. Christopher Cassidy, who was charged with embezzlement of a gold watch and \$10 in money from Thomas W. Sanford, was tried in the city court yesterday morning. Sanford testified that he went to Cassidy's house last week and that while there he gave Cassidy the watch. He said that he also gave Cassidy \$10 in money. Later, Sergeant Dennehy was in Fry's pawn shop and Suspecting that it was stolen, he took Cassidy into custody. Sanford soon appeared in search of the watch and admitted that he owned it. Cassidy was fined \$25 and sentenced to three months

in jail LODGE AND SOCIETY. Camp No. 1, True Americans, had a fine time at their lodge room. No. 14 Insurance building, Wednesday evening, indulging in coffee, cake, sandwiches, music, dancing and games,

SHAUMPISHUH COUNCIL. Shaumpishuh Council, L. O. R. M. will have one of its very pleasant dances in Golden Rule hall on the lodge's last meeting night in October.

BANNER LODGE. Banner degree, Lodge A. O. U. W., arranged to initiate four new members last evening, and notwithstanding the variety and succession of showers outside all was peace, harmony and follity and cachinnation within. Mrs. Tyer, chief of honor, presided and honored the assembly with a few words of counsel and congratulation. Owing to the absence of Chief Butler and several other members a surprise was prepared for them, the denouement to transEDGEWOODS AND MILFORDS.

The Edgewoods will meet their old rivals, the Milfords, to-morrow afteroon in this city in the last game of the season between the two clubs. will be an interesting match as the Edgewood team has been strengthened and is now playing in the best form if has exhibited this year. Thompson, the Yale 'varsity substitute pitcher, and Brennan will, probably be th battery for the Edgewoods,

BURGLARS FRIGHTENED OFF. Burglars attempted to break into the nome of Mrs. H. P. Frost at 612 Chapel street about 4 o'clock yesterday mornng, but were frightened off by the screams of the occupants. They were wakened by the noise made by th thieves working at a window, and greamed for help. Sergeant Dennehy of Captain O'Keefe's precinct is invesfigating the case.

GUESTS OF THE MAYOR. Chief Hugh Bonner of the New York ire department and Isaac B. Markey, cretary of the Utica Fire Hose com any, were the guests of Mayor A. C. Both are old fendrick vesterday. tends of the mayor and he entertained nem by taking them for a drive on st Rock and a dinner at the shore. Thief Kennedy of the local department

MR. OSBORNE

ruests.

assisted in the entertainment of the

To be Ordained Next Sunday Evening. An ecclesiastical council of the Cou rregational churches in this district me yesterday afternoon in the chapel of the Dwight Place church to examine Mr. C. A. Osborne, acting assistant pasor at Dwight Place church, as a can didate to the Christian ministry. I. C. Meserve acted as moderator and Rev. Dr. McLane as clerk. It was voted to ordain Mr. C. A. Osborne at the Dwight Place church next Sunday evening, September 29.

It is announced that Professor J. Dore Wilson of Aberdeen university, will be the Storrs lecturer at the Yale law school during the coming term. Judge The burgesses cannot meet; the broken S. E. Baldwin will tender Professo. Wilson a reception on October 4 next.

Arrested and Settled.

Waterbury Sept. 26.-Edward V. Curiss of this city was arrested here this afternoon by Detective Sergeant Cowles of New Haven. Curtiss is wanted in New Haven for embezzlement. Last December he secured a suit of clothes from Adam Bonoff, a clothing dealer on Orange street, New Haven. He did not ettle for the clothes, but left New Haven. He was located here a few days ago and a warrant was issued for his Curtiss settled the debt bearrest. fore he was taken from this city.

Last Night's Storm.

New London, Sept. 26.-The storm that passed over this city this evening did some damage. Lightning struck several places in East New London and three small buildings were burned. One of Scotts tugs left here this evening to go to the assistance of a vessel that

A French Detective's Museum M. Goron, formerly head of the Counil Investigation department, and whose definite retirement from the police is announced, is the owner of a strange museum. During his long connection with the prefecture he collected many gruesome objects, which serve in his residence. Among the sinister souvenirs of criminals may be seen the girdle by means of which the murderer Eyraud strangled Gouffe, the process server, with the aid of Gabrielle Bom pard; the vell of the latter, who is now in prison under a life sentence; the knife used by Pranzini to butcher his three victims; a very rare portrait of Cartouche, the king of thieves; and a host of articles used by persons whose bad deeds attained less publicity than those of the delinquents just mentioned found Cassidy pawning the watch. M. Goron has also collected some relics connected with the dynamite explo sions, such as five-franc pieces skilful-ly coined by Ravachol, who was a 'smasher" as well as an anarchist; and the box in which Lherot, the waiter at Very's restaurant, kept his tips before was nearly blown up with the tablishment, in which he assisted his brother-in-law, the proprietor. Among foreign objects forming part of the colection are a real Jack Ketch rope from England, batons or truncheons of London constables, with handcuffs and general police appurtenances from all the countries of Europe. Another artiele not to be forgotten is an exact reproduction of the modern guillotine as used by M. Delbler, the headsman of

In the Cab of a Fast Locomotive.

France,-Paris Correspondence of the

London Telegraphs

[From the Railroad Gazette.] The locomotive engineer is a remarkably placed fellow, with a habit of deliberate precision in his look and motions. He occasionally turns a caim eye to his gages and then resumes his quiet watch ahead. The three levers which he has to manipulate are under

his hand ready for instant use, and when they are used it is quietly and in order, as an organist pulls out his stops. The noise in the cab makes conthat heard in a car when passing another train, with or without the engine cab the objects are approached gradually, not rushed past as when one looks laterally out of a parlor car window. The fact is the engineer does ot look at the side-he is looking head, and therefore the speed seems ess, as the objects are approached

Those who have ridden at ninety illes an hour on a locomotive know that on a good road (and there are many such) the engine is not "shaken nd swayed in a terrific manner," but is rather comfortable, and the speed is not so apparent as when one is riding a parlor car, where only a lateral view is had. The engineer can be very comfortable if he is quite sure of the rack ahead, and it is only in rounding urves or in approaching crossings that ie feels nervous, and it is doubtful if it at high speed than to ride a bicycle through crowded thoroughfares. Judgng by the countenances of the bleyel

gradually.

"HELP!"

rider and the engineer, the engineer has

rather the best of it.

A WOMAN'S DESPAIRING CRY. It is Heard. A Prominent Actress Escapes Great Dauger.

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of doctors theories. health and money were rap-idly van-I'm all right now, and am gaining flesh daily. I follow your advice faithfully in everything. Thank you ten thousand times for what your knowledge and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-

Financial.

Industrial's Strong for Sugar and Tobacco at the Opening. New York, Sopt, 26 .- The stock market still maintains its professional character and it looks very much as though the activity and advance in otton and wheat has diverted the atention of outsiders, at least for the time being, to these products. The reent remarkable rise in cotton followed up to-day by a gain of 2c in wheat fully explains the indifference of the specuating public to the present dull and narrow stock market. As a result the market for stocks was entirely professional.

At the opening the industrials were trong, especially for Sugar and Tobaco. Sugar rose about a point to 108% the refusal of the governing commiee to take definite action in the matter of demanding regular statements from the company having been favorably construed by operators. Tobacco n covering short contracts. Distilling and Cattle Feeding on the other hand was weak and fell 136 to 22%, the re ports current vesterday that the Green out-Morris crowd and the present man agement had reached an amicable ar-rangement having failed to material-

The grangers were prominent for time and scored slight gains, the August statement of the St. Paul having een the favorable influence at work. Reports of a further advance in the price of anthracite coal started up a livelier business in Reading and Jer-sey Central around midday and the former rose to 214 and the latter to

In the afternoon trading, however, the market displayed weakness on rumors that William H, Crossman & Bro. will ship \$1,500,000 gold by Saturday's European steamers. This gave th room traders a chance to attack the list and prices receded ¼ to 1½ per cent. Speculation closed irregular and in the main weak. Net losses were 1/4 to 1% per cent, the latter in Pacific Mail. The anthracite coalers, however, gained 1/2 to 1% per cent. Bonds were strong and the sales ooted up \$2,183,000.

Following are the closing prices reported by Prince & Whitely, bankers and brokers, 46 Broadway, New York, and 15 Center sireet, New Haven:

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